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SUBJECT: STATUS OF OECD PART II PROGRAM FOR STRENGTHENING
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR THE CONTROL OF
CHEMICALS

REF: (A) PARIS 20477; (B) PARIS 21580; (C) TELECONS
POPKIN/PACKER AND LAASE/PACKER JULY LL.

1. SUMMARY: MISSION HAS REPORTED WASHINGTON'S STRONG
DISAPPOINTMENT REF (C) WITH RODERICK LETTER REF (B) AND
U.S. DESIRE TO SEE ACTION ON PART II CHEMICALS PROGRAM
BEFORE SUMMER RECESS. AFTER SIMILAR EXPRESSIONS OF DIS-
PLEASURE FROM OTHER DELEGATIONS AND INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS
WITHIN SECRETARIAT, SUBJECT WILL BE SCHEDULED ON AGENDA
OF JULY 20 COUNCIL MEETING. HOWEVER, REALISTICALLY WE
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EXPECT LESS THAN A FORMAL APPROVAL OF PROGRAM. END
SUMMARY.

2. MISSION HAS TRANSMITTED TO SECRETARIAT WASHINGTON'S
FEELINGS REGARDING UNEXPECTED SECRETARIAT DECISION
REF (B) NOT TO SUBMIT PART II CHEMICALS PROGRAM TO COUN-
CIL BEFORE THE SUMMER. OTHER KEY DELEGATIONS HAVE EX-

PRESSED SIMILAR SURPRISE AND DISAPPOINTMENT, ESPECIALLY
IN VIEW OF SECRETARIAT COMMITMENT MADE AT JUNE MEETING
REF (A).

3. SECRETARIAT HAS RESPONDED WITH UNDERSTANDING BUT IS
HANDICAPPED BY SHORT TIME TO PREPARE DOCUMENTATION,
RODERICK'S ABSENCE UNTIL JULY 17 (HE HAS
BEEN HANDLING THIS MATTER BY HIMSELF) AND THE UNCERTAIN-
TIES IN THE BUDGETARY SITUATION.

4. SUBJECT WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION ON JULY 20
AT LAST COUNCIL MEETING BEFORE SEPTEMBER. THE TENTATIVE
PLAN, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF DEPUTY SEC GEN ELDIN, IS
TO HAVE RODERICK PRESENT AN ORAL PROGRESS REPORT, TO BE
FOLLOWED BY A PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND QUESTIONS
AND ANSWERS. THERE WILL BE AN OFFICIAL RECORD OF THE
DISCUSSION.

5. IN THE MEANTIME, ELDIN IS SEEING FRG DEL. TO TRY TO
INCREASE GERMAN COMMITMENT. BASED ON SCICOUNS DISCUS-
SION WITH FRG ENVIRONMENT COUNSELOR, THERE SEEMS TO BE
LITTLE PROSPECT THIS CAN BE DONE AT THIS TIME. ELDIN IS

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ALSO DISCUSSING WITH SECRETARIAT STAFF THE DOCUMENTA-

TION AND APPROACH FOR JULY 20 MEETING. THE POSSIBILITY OF TRYING TO GET COUNCIL APPROVAL "IN PRINCIPLE/ IS ALSO BEING CONSIDERED.

6. MISSION ESTIMATES THAT JULY 20 DISCUSSION WILL BE USEFUL IN OFFICIALLY INFORMING COUNCIL OF STATUS OF PART II PROGRAM AND IN APPLYING PRESSURE TO FRG AND THE COUNTRIES NOT YET COMMITTED TO BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT A COUNCIL DECISION WILL RESULT BECAUSE THE SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLY A SHORT TIME BEFORE MEETING AND MOST DELEGATIONS WILL NOT BE INSTRUCTED. MOREOVER THE CURRENT BUDGET INSUFFICIENCY WOULD PROBABLY DISCOURAGE A CONSENSUS DECISION, CERTAIN DELEGATIONS PREFERRING TO WAIT UNTIL THESE CRUCIAL QUESTIONS ARE RESOLVED. ANOTHER POSSIBLE OBSTACLE THAT MAY BE RAISED IS THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS NOT CONSIDERED THE PART II PROGRAM, A TRADITIONAL PREREQUISITE FOR COUNCIL ACTION. FOR THESE REASONS,
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SECRETARIAT FEELS THAT PRESSING FOR A DECISION AT THIS TIME MAY PRODUCE RISK TO THE PROGRAM.

7. ACTION: MISSION REQUESTS REACTIONS TO STATUS REPORT AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR JULY 20 COUNCIL MEETING.
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